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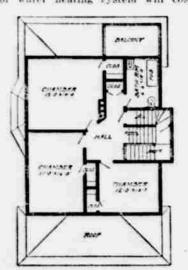
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The most economical house to build and to occupy afterward is nearly square, of medium size, full two stories in height, with a good, deep cellar and an attic big enough to act as a buffer against heat in summer and cold in winter. Such houses give more soom according to the size of the foundation and roof than any other

The house here illustrated is typical of this style. It is 31 feet wide by 38 feet from front to rear proportions that work to good advantage. There are certain geometrical combinations that work to a disadvantage in a square house, but are easily overcome when you add a few feet to the

One of the difficuities is the state way, which interferes with the proper laying-out of the rooms in every short house. Stairways in dwelling houses have caused more gray hairs, and sent more architects to early graves, than any other feature in house building. There was a time when a rough ladder fashioned with an ax answered the purpose. It was made with the trunks of two trees for sides, and sections of smaller trees for rounds. There was a hole through the upper floor and usually an effort was made to place the opening where the root was high enough so you could miss hitting the knots on the rafters with your head. From that time to this, stairways have grown in complexity until we think we have them about

and het air furnaces are in very close competition. Improvements are being added every year, until both systems seem to be about as near perfect as human ingenuity can make them. A hot air furnace big enough to heat this house comfortably in zero weather can be installed for about \$125. A hot water heating system will cost



Second Floor Plan

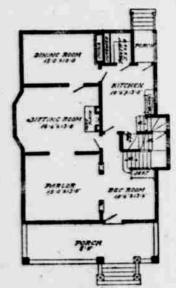
more, the difference depending largely on the kind of radiators and the extra attachments; probably \$250 would be the minimum, and \$500 would be rather extravagant. The hot water plant will use a little less coal, be cause hot water is a better medium through which to convey heat. While no accurate estimate can be given wishout liguring the actual amount of heating surface and cubic air space, on general principles it may be said that, taking five years together, the cost of one system is about the same as the other There a land a lane



landings. The projection also offers an excuse to work in four windows for light and for general effect. The lighting of a modern stairway is another recent improvement on anything that former generations were familiar

This arrangement is a combination affair going up from the kitchen and from the front hall, and down from the kitchen to the cellar. On the second floor the going up to the attic and down stairs is equally good. The stairway looks well, and it is very convenient and satisfactory.

A house built in this manner has another advantage, and that is in heating. It is so compact that from one to five tons of coal per year may be saved, as compared with the amount



First Floor Plan.

required in some old-fashioned, loose-

few minutes twice a day.

With hot air you can get the tresh pure air from outside, and send it into every corner of the house. My bellet is that families using bot air furnaces that are properly installed enjoy better health than those who use hot wagreat many hot air furnaces are arhouse. This loses the most valuable asset that should ordinarily be placed to the credit of the bot air turnace. However, either system should embrace a thorough plan for constantif much feed, changing the air in the rooms through ventilating flues, But, I am sorry to say, this is a subject the American reople have paid very little attention to. It is destined to occupy our attention more as years go on and we learn more about the germ theory of disease. It is not necessary to mention steam heating for a small dwelling The economy of steam comes in when

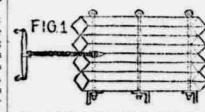
we have a larger building to heat. I like to plan houses like this, because they are so thoroughly complete when properly built, as they should be, from cellar to attic, with all the essentials carefully worked out. It is just as important to balance up all the mechanical features of a house as it is to look to and adjust all the parts of a machine. Mechanics have more to do with our comfort and health than most of us realize. A small fire in the cellar may be made to supply hot water to the laundry tubs, to the kitchen and to the bathroom, so we can have hot water to use at any hour of the day or night. I often think that we accept the many modern improvements in our houses without due ap-

preciation. I want to call attention to the upper balcony in the rear of the bathroom. Since carpets have been abolished. jointed houses that are no more roomy and all good houses have bardwood and offer no more accommodation floors, rugs have become very fushion-Under this house is a splendid cel- able. It seems necessary to have rugs lar that is as light as some of the cleaned once a week or once a month, best rooms in houses built a dozen according to the amount of service reyears ago, when small, narrow win- quired of them; and this upper bat- rally. dows were in fashion. In a basement | cony facilitates the work of cleaning. like this you can place a modern heat. The rugs may be carried out and lett ing apparatus that will take care of in the sun, and swept on the floor or the temperature in the coldest whipped over the balcony railing, so !ressing. weather; and the attention required much earier than to carry them down will not worry a person more than a to the yard. It is another contrivance ables to start from seed and to to save work and promote sanitation. ransplant, and to be made to grow in

PREPARATION OF A SEED BED

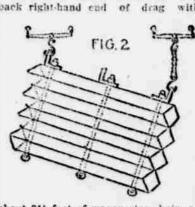
Hustration Shows Implement for McIlowing Surface and Also for Smoothing Roads.

An implement which may be used o mellow the surface is made by takng four pieces of seasoned hard vood, each six by six inches, and ight feet long; bolt together so that he corners, or edges, will rest on the ground, with three eye-bolts of threequarter-inch round fron, about 22 nches long, one through the middle of the drag, the others each six inches from either end of the timbers. Use



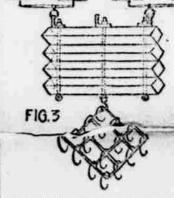
angle washers with holes rings of hooks, clip out half-inch edge of the tow inside pieces back of end oolt, for chain hook in transportation rom place to place, as shown in

For use as road smoother, drop eack right-hand end of drag with



After plowing in the cartier portion

of the day, transfer the teams to the



combination drag-harrow, guiding the ily abreast with ordinary checks as hown in Fig. 3.

Caution on Pasturing Alfalfa. Alfalia should be pastured with very great caution. In fact, the armer who holds this matchless crop n proper regard will pasture some hing else and just use the alfalfa for But if the alfalfa is to be sastured about half enough stock should be kept on it to keep the growth down. By this method two or hree cuttings of bay will be obtained n addition to the pasturage.

Another cautien to throw out is that t should be allowed to make a good start in the spring before the sock tre turned on, and should be allowed o go in the winter with a good cover Under no conditions should it be pastured in cold weather.

Buying Supplementary Feeds, The larmer who has an abundance of corn and no other grain will fine ter for heating; but, unfortunately a it greatly to its pacifit if he will sell a part of his cern and buy other teeds ranged to take the air from inside the to furnish a variety of rations for the animals, as their systems thus would be supplied with all the ersentials necessary to proper growth and development, and yet not require of

Good Roads

Ical to the farmer Sharpen and repair the garden tools

or next senson's une. The successful gurden is started in he fall, although not a reed may be Manted.

Keep all the tools that are used around the barn in convenient and A little paint goes a long ways to-

ward making a home out of a group if buildings How much does it cost to have that nachinery standing out in the verther? Shedding is cheap! While planting your garden give tue a tention to the color of

Many a new and valuable implenent is left out all winter more brough carelessners than anything

he flowers to that they may harmon

Tobacco dust wacked into the see acc of the soil just before rotting the effuce will help to keep the aphis

These days can be put to good use n getting the grindstone into corv ce and sharpening up things gen-Ashes are best applied in the

pring, separately or in connection vith phosphate fortilizers as a top Cabbage is one of the easiest vege-

he garden or field.

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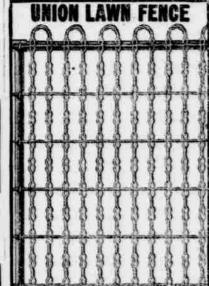
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